Job Description of PYP Subject Specialist Teacher

Role Summary:

The Specialist Teacher is responsible for creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment that fosters creativity, expression, physical development, and holistic growth in learners. They collaborate with classroom teachers to integrate their specialised subject into the curriculum and contribute to the transdisciplinary approach of the Primary Years Programme. The Specialist Teacher ensures effective delivery of the curriculum through an inquiry-driven approach in accordance with the NMAJS's statement on High Quality Teaching and Learning (HQTL) and the school vision, mission and values. The Specialist Teacher is accountable to Class Level Leader and the PYP Coordinator, and reports to the Head of Learning.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Learning Design:

- Plan and deliver subject-specific lessons that align with the school's inquiry-based philosophy and learning objectives.
- Collaborate with Home Room Teachers (HRTs) to integrate the specialised subject into transdisciplinary units of inquiry.
- Design hands-on and experiential activities that cater to diverse learning needs and promote curiosity, creativity, and exploration.
- Incorporate relevant technology to support teaching and learning.

2. Co-Teaching:

- Collaborate with HRTs and other Specialist Teachers to co-teach sessions that enhance the transdisciplinary learning experience.
- Support co-teachers by providing expertise in the specialised subject and ensuring a seamless connection with classroom learning.
- Actively participate in planning meetings to align subject goals with broader classroom objectives.

3. Assessment:

- Assess learners' progress using developmentally appropriate tools and methods aligned with the school's policies.
- Provide timely and constructive feedback to learners to encourage growth and confidence in their skills.
- Maintain records of learner development and share insights with HRTs and parents during conferences and through reports.

4. Learning Environment:

- Create a safe, respectful, inclusive, and stimulating environment tailored to the specialised subject.

- Set up and maintain subject-specific resources and materials that encourage exploration and skill development.
- Manage routines and transitions to ensure smooth operations during sessions.

5. Community Engagement:

- Collaborate with the local community to bring in guest speakers to inspire learners.
- Participate in and contribute to school events and trips, performances, and exhibitions.
- Engage with parents by sharing learners' achievements and the value of the specialised subject through conferences and updates.

6. Student Safety and Pastoral Care:

- Ensure learners' safety during all engagements, adhering to the school's safeguarding policies.
- Support learners' emotional and social development through encouragement and empathy in the specialised subject.
- Address any concerns related to learner well-being in collaboration with the HRT and leadership.
- Collaborate with the Student Support Team for individual students, small groups or whole class interventions or initiatives.

7. Professionalism:

- Demonstrate professionalism by adhering to school policies, maintaining punctuality, and collaborating with colleagues during all scheduled workdays including Saturday Workdays (TWD).
- Participate in professional learning opportunities to remain current in subject-specific methodologies and practices.
- Contribute to curriculum reviews and refinement of subject-specific learning goals.
- Have a thorough understanding of and comply with the school's guiding statements, policies and codes of conduct as articulated in the Staff Handbook.

Requirements:

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, or related fields (Master's preferred).
- **Experience:** Prior experience in teaching the specialised subject, preferably in an inquiry-based or play-based learning environment.
- **Skills:** Strong subject expertise, excellent communication and collaboration skills, and a passion for fostering creativity and development in young learners.

Other Responsibilities:

Perform any other duties as assigned by their Reporting Manager and/or the Head of Section.